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October 24th, 1918

Flight-Lieutenant R. S. Murton, R.N.A.S.,

Offizier Gefangenenlager,

Holzminden, Germany.

Dear Mr. Murton:

On my return from England and France recently I was very much touched at receiving from you and your fellow officers in Holzminden Lager the letter with your good wishes to the University for the session 18-19. At the opening address that I gave to the students I read your letter and your names. The reading of the letter was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and I informed the students and staff that on their behalf and my own I would send you a letter expressing our thanks to you for remembering us, and at the same time I am sending you our best wishes. I will keep the letter as being of great historic interest. We are proud of you and your companions and hope that you will all be spared to return home before very long.

The University has very greatly changed. The attendance in all the Faculties except Medicine is very small, but we are hoping that if the war speedily ends we shall soon recover, though we can never forget the terrible losses that we have had in these four years. Moreover, the bravery of our graduates and undergraduates and their patient endurance in very trying circumstances will be a memory of which the University will be proud for many generations.

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Already there must be nearly five thousand graduates and undergraduates of the University on active service. Our roll of the fallen is lengthening rapidly so that now we have about five hundred names upon it.

With my best wish to one and all who have signed the letter and hoping that you will be home before very long in health and strength,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.